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Dear Examiner Pickard:

Enclosed in connection with the above-referenced application is a Response to Office Action which is responsive to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004.

Sincerely,


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Response to Office Action

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Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 14-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,515,213) in view of Amancharla et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,007,783). In the Examiner's opinion, Rogen discloses every element of applicant's claimed invention, except a bore that includes a recessed surface. In addition, the Examiner asserts that Amancharla discloses a seal component which is expanded into a recessed undercut in a bore. The Examiner therefore concludes that it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Rogen's bore to include